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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Yoichi ASANO, Masaaki NANAUMI, Hiroshi SOHMA,  
Nagayuki KANAOKA, and Nobuhiro SAITO  
POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME,  
AND MEMBRANE ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY AND POLYMER ELECTROLYTE  
FUEL CELL COMPRISING SAME  
**Assignee: HONDA GIKEN KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA**  
Our Ref. Q68111

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirty-seven (37) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and two (2) sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	40	-	20	=	20	x	\$18.00	=	\$360.00
Independent claims	7	-	3	=	4	x	\$84.00	=	\$336.00
Base Fee									\$740.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$1436.00</b>

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$1436.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

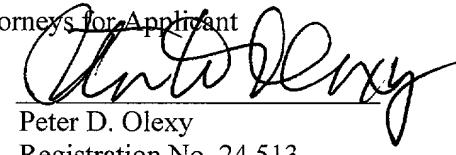
<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-12490	January 19, 2001
Japan	2001-97802	March 30, 2001

The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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